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## Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2007. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.

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